

are going to see them, what the schedule is, what the agenda is and I think it is very important, it is absolutely mandatory, as Senator Carsten has pointed out, that we bring in the midwestern conference because unless it is proven to be more than just a Nebraska problem, and it has been cited as that from time to time, we will not receive an audience in Washington. We just as well stay back here and work on whatever we are working at here in Lincoln. We've got to have an agenda. We've got to be well organized. I know the Speaker is attempting to do that. I think it is important, it is extremely important, that it be well organized. I know that there are some people, business men and some farmers, who perhaps could lend some credibility and provide some good arguments if they were, in fact, present. If this resolution called for the state to pay for the trip for those individuals, I do not know if that is even possible or not. I would suggest that maybe some of the commodity boards have some money they might want to invest in that kind of an operation. There are resources available, I'm sure, that we might be able to utilize outside of taxpayer money. But I would hope that we do not move until we know where we are going, what we are going to do, who we are going to see and have some definite goals in mind. We've all gone to plenty of meetings. But if we just want to sit up and recount our troubles, we know what those problems are. I think that the senators who were joining me yesterday in Wahoo don't need to go to any more meetings for the purpose of hearing the problems. We know what the problems are. In fact, many of us pointed out how those problems would develop over the years. We did it on the floor of this Legislature. Senator after senator spoke time after time when federal action precipitated the very problem that we have that we've got to have some kind of a solution, some kind of a workable solution. I'll tell you very frankly, given all the emphasis upon the size of the deficit, we just as well recognize that the agricultural share of the federal pie is not going to increase. We'll be very fortunate if it isn't shrunk a great deal. What we have to do is to be able to tell our congressmen, our senators and the President how we want that pie divided up differently so that it will have an impact upon what we are doing here. Suggestion has been made a number of times that the federal government should subsidize interest rates. I have a suggestion which I don't think my banker friends like, but a universal usury rate of nine percent across the United States would do what...would force the government to